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Society of Inquiry. Committee
on Foreign Missions

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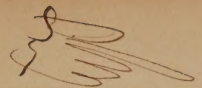

The Rules as revised during the term 1857-8 may be found in the back part of this book.

Rules of the Committee on Foreign Missions

The number of members belonging to this Committee, according to the Constitution of the Society of Inquiry may not exceed Thirty.

Article 1st. Officers.

1. The officers of the Committee shall be a Chairman, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and two Assistant Corresponding Secretaries.

2. The Chairman shall preside in the meetings of the Committee.

3. The Recording Secretary shall make a correct minute of the proceedings of the Committee, wh. when approved by the Committee, he shall enter upon the records. He shall keep a correct list of all the members of the Committee from its organization. It shall be his duty carefully to preserve the records and all papers belonging to the Committee. He shall also act as Treasurer when

necessary.

Article 2nd. Meetings.

1. The Committee shall meet statedly on the first [Thursday] evening of every month during term time, provided [Friday] Monday evening be substituted when [Thursday] Sunday is the first day of the month. Sus Mins. Dec. 1849

2. The roll shall be called at each stated meeting of the Committee & all its meetings shall be opened & closed with prayer at the opening & close of

3. The meetings shall be open for the attendance of individuals who are not members of the Committee.

4. Extra meetings, when necessary may be called by the Chairman.

5. One third of this Comttee shall constitute a quorum. { of Manuscript 150 in minutes

Article 3rd. Dissertations.

1. The Chairman in connexion with the Corresponding Secretaries, shall be a committee to assign to each member a definite missionary field for investigation; & it shall be the duty of each individual to make a report in his turn on the field thus assigned to him; provided however, that any person may exchange his field for another with the consent of the

above named committee.

2. The members shall present their dissertations in alphabetical order.

3. The dissertations shall not exceed thirty minutes in length.

4. A dissertation shall be read before the committee at the stated meeting in each month.

Article 4th. Discussions.

1. A discussion of some question, previously selected, connected with the subject of Foreign Missions shall be held at the stated meeting in each month.

2. Not more than one hour shall be devoted to the discussion, unless the Committee shall otherwise direct by special vote; [and no member shall have the privalege of speaking more than five minutes on the question at one time.] [See Minutes of Decr 5. 1814]

3. All questions presented in writing by any member of the Committee shall be preserved by the Recording Secretary. See Minutes Oct. 4th. 1843. & Dec. 1843.

Article 5th. Reports.

1. The monthly reports to the Society shall be made

by the members of the Committee in alphabetical order.

2. The reporter must commit to writing a summary of all the important missionary intelligence collected during the month & deliver the Manuscript to the Recording Secretary for preservation among the papers of the Committee, especially for the use of the member chosen to prepare the annual report. He may present it to the Society memoriter, extemporo, or by reading at discretion.

3. The report must be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee for his approbation, before the meeting of the Society at which it is to be presented.

4. A member shall be chosen at the election for officers to prepare the <u>Annual Report</u>, which it shall be incumbent on him to present to the Committee for their approbation at their meeting in April. A member shall also be chosen at the same time to prepare the <u>Annual Essay</u> which it shall be incumbent on him to present to the Committee for their approbation at their meeting in December.

Article 6th. Correspondence.

1. The correspondence of the Committee shall be

conducted by the Corresponding Secretaries.

2. They shall keep a register of letters written and received & may include in it such additional matter as will be consistent with the collection of information on missionary operations.

3. It shall be their duty, when letters are received, to see that they are punctually answered.

4. They may at their discretion call upon other members of the Committee for assistance in writing.

5. When letters from missionaries are received the Corresponding Secretary or one of his assistants shall read the whole or so much as may be important at the next meeting of the Society.

6. They shall report to the Committee every letter written & also the letters received.

7. In writing to missionaries they shall request them to direct their communications to the "Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions".

8. The Chairman, Recording & corresponding Secretaries shall be a Committee on opening correspondence

9. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to present to the Committee at their last meeting in the term a report in full of all that he has done as

an officer of this Committee.

Article 7th. Elections.

1 The election for officers & an annual Reporter & Essayist shall be held at the last stated meeting in the term.

2. New members may be elected at any stated meeting & to secure such an election the vote must be unanimous, provided however that one vote shall not defeat an election unless sustained by good reasons assigned—

3. All elections shall be by ballot except election to membership of the committee.

Article 8th. Expenses.

1. All necessary expenses of the Committee shall be defrayed by tax.

Article 9th. Members.

1. If any member of the Committee, absent himself from its meetings for three successive evenings his name shall be stricken from the roll, provided however that a sufficient excuse shall always be accepted.

Rules

Respecting the publication of letters from Missionaries —
Suggested by the Secretaries of the A. B. C. F. M.

1. Never publish a letter when in doubt about the propriety of doing it.

2. Publish nothing which the Missionaries say about the Board or respecting one another — nothing which you would not be willing to read to them if present.

3. Regard it as a matter of course that all you publish will in some way go back to the station where it came — Be careful, therefore, to publish nothing which will be likely to excite prejudice against the cause of missions at home, or create difficulties between the Missionaries & heathen government or people.
N. B. Prudential reasons of this character induce the Secretaries of the Board to withhold some of the most interesting communications they receive.

4. Do not publish too much or too frequently —

5. Better to err on the side of caution than otherwise.

6. As no definite rules can be given — that

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will apply to all cases whatever, the Society must judge in regard to the propriety of publishing in particular instances.

Transcribed by John Lloyd
Since gone Missionary to China
& died Dec. 1848.

Extract from the Minutes of Com. Decr. 5th. 1844.

"Resolved That the regular Debaters be allowed ten minutes "to open the Discussion. and all others five minutes each, "none being allowed to speak a second time while "any one who has not yet spoken may desire to "speak."— and that Members rise when they speak"

Amendment. Art. 2nd. Meetings.

The Committee shall meet statedly on the last Thursday of each Month. [See Minutes - Oct. 4th 1852]

List of Members

Names	Admitted	Remarks.
S. B. Adger	Previously to the	
I. W. Barr	present records	
S. Brown	" "	
I. Clark	" "	
I. F. Lanneau	" "	Mispy. to Syria. Returned July 21. '46
Jesse Lockwood	" "	
W. C. McElroy	" "	
I. B. Pinney	" "	Mispy. to Africa.
—— Rice	" "	
Wm Townley	" "	
E. H. Thorp	Dec. 3. 1831	Missionary to Ceylon Died June 1844 Aged 46.
W. M. Cunningham	" " "	
R. I. Wallace	" " "	
W. Mack	" 15 "	
—— Boardman	" " "	
I. R. Eckhard	Janu 17. 1832	
—— Foreman	Mar. 1. "	
—— Hummer	" " "	
—— Bishop	" " "	
M. B. Hope	" " "	Returned Mispy. from Singapore
L. Smith	Ap. 5. "	

Name	Admitted	Remarks
Henry R. Willson	July 19. 1832	In N. India
— Flemming	Aug 16. "	
— Curtis	Sep 6 "	
— Galloway	" " "	
— Webster	Nov 15 "	
— Buist	Proving to Dec 1831.	
H. N. Willson	Sep 6. 1832	
J. C Lowrie	Dec 6. "	to N. India. Returned. Asst. Secy of Pr. Board.
— Todd	" " "	
— Burrowes	" " "	
— Woodward	" " "	
L B.S. Bissel	" 21 "	
Backus	Jany 3. 1833	
M. N. Miles	Feb 21. "	
Pinckney	Mar 7 "	
Floyd	" " "	
Briant	Ap. 4. "	
L.E. Woodbridge	" " "	
Sheddan	July 18. "	
F.D.W. Ward	Aug 1 "	Mssy to Madura & Madras
I. Henderson	" " "	
I. W. Baker	" " "	

Name	admitted	Remarks
Nelson	Aug 1. 1833	
C. Hall	Nov 21 "	
B. L. Swan	" " "	
C. M. Johnson	Dec 6. "	
Willson	" " "	
L. D. Campbell	Jan 2. 1834	
Helm	Ap. 3. "	
Cale	July 17. "	
H. G. Comings	" " "	
Woodbridge	" " "	
L. B. Hodges	Aug 7. "	Miss'y. to Smyrna.
D. White	Sept 4. "	
P. H. Fowler	" " "	
Scott	" " "	
I. Brown	Nov 20. "	
L. L. Riggs	" " "	
D. D. McKee	Dec 4. "	
Wm. Tracy	" " "	Madura Mission.
S. R. Wyckoff	" " "	
R. C. Galbraith	" " "	
L. H. Morrison	" " "	In N. India.
Peter Dougherty	" " "	Among Chippewa & Ottawa Indians

Names	Admitted	Remarks.
Saml. Galloway	Dec. 17. 1834	
Jno. Bowers	Jany. 15. 1835	
D. T. Stuart	Mar. 5. "	
Ephraim Strong	Ap 16. "	
Thos. Wickes	Aug 20. "	
S. S. Wyley	" " "	
Wm. N. McBane	" " "	
L. A. Carey	Sep 3. "	
R. W. Hume	Dec 3 "	
Jas. L. Scott	" " "	In N. India.
Jos. Owen	" " "	In N. India.
O. K. Canfield	" " "	Died in africa - May 7th 1842.
A. B. Simms	" " "	
R. D. Morris	" " "	To India
Henry James	" " "	
C. L. Mills	" " "	
J. E. Freeman	Dec 17. "	In. N. India. Martyred
E. S. Richards	" " "	
Jas. M. Halliday	Jan. 7. 1836	
E. S. Bryan	" " "	
Hugh Walsh	Ap 21. "	
Dan. Stewart	" " "	

Names	Admitted	Remarks
N. A. Griffin	Ap 21. 1836	
F. L. Gulst	Nov 14. "	
R. C. Galbraith	" " "	
A. Van Court	" " "	
J. W. Chambers	Dec 2. "	
I. L. Forsman	" " "	In Alahabad - N. India.
E. B. Edgar	" " "	
E. McKinney	" " "	
E. D. C. Prime	" " "	
C. Strong	" " "	
I. C. Rankin	" " "	In N: India.
C. W. Wood	" " "	
R. W. Orr	Mar 3. 1837	Gone to China.
Bayliss	July 6. "	
Jas. Platt	" 20 "	
S. S. Hawley	Dec 21. "	
L. Lauriér	Jan 4. 1838	In. N. India
S. R. Willson	" " "	
S. M. Cooper	Mar 14 "	
Damon	July 5 "	
W. M. Lowrie	" " "	In Ningpo. China
I. P. Alward	Sep 20. "	Died in Africa April 21. 1841

Names	Admitted	Remarks
C. R. Smith	Sep 20. 1838	
Cary	" " "	
D. McCay	Dec 6 "	
Mm N. McGary	" " "	
Wm Hunting	" " "	
~~D. H. Sawyer~~	" " "	
I. S. Whitham	" " "	
G. W Thompson	" " "	
I. N. Boyd	Janf. 3. 1839	
H. O. B. Nevins	Feb. 7. "	
A. Tully	Mar 7. "	
I. W. L. Coak	" 21. "	
A. C Allen	Sep 5. "	
R. W. Sawyer	Dec 5 "	Died in Africa. Dec 1. 1843.
W. B. Carter	" " "	
R. M. Bardeau	" " "	
E. C. Bettinger	" " "	
Thos. V. Moore	" " "	
Jno. Miller	" " "	
Roger Owen	" " "	
W. S. Thompson	" " "	
Jno. H Townley	" " "	

Names	Admitted	Remarks
R. W. Allen	Dec 5. 1839	
Isaac Edwards	" " "	
I. B. Coney	" " "	
H. P. Thompson	Jan 2. 1840	
W. E. Schenck	" " "	
Alfred Paul	" " "	
W. H. Hornblower	" " "	
E. Forman	Mar. 5. "	
I. S. Malcom	Ap 2 "	
I. T. Sapelley	July 2 "	
M. I. Connell	Aug 6. "	
A. C. Porter	Dec 18 "	
I. O. Filmore	" " "	
Wm Scribner	" " "	
Jno. M. Lowrie	Jan 7. 1841	
A. H. Brown	Jan 29. "	
I. M. Rogers	" 7 "	
W. W. Trimble	" " "	
D. Johnson	" " "	
I. M allen	Ap 8 "	
I. L. Walsh	Feb 3. 1842.	Gone to India
M. S. Culbertson	Sept. 2. 1841.	Gone to China
H. A. Brown	Nov. 4. 1841.	Gone to China
Jno. Lloyd	" "	Gone to China

Names	Admitted	Remarks
Thos. Elcock	Feb. 3. 1842	
S. K. Hughes	Sept. 8. 1842	
~~A. R. Thompson~~	" "	Elected without his request
S. Miller Jr.	" "	
A. W. Loomis . . .	" "	Gone to China
W. R. Scott	" "	Left Dec. 4. 1844 to study in private
A. D. White	" "	
~~H. H. Lyman~~	~~Oct. 6.~~ "	Elected without his request
E. M. Cook	Nov. 3. "	
R. Hamill	" "	
S. C. Hepburn	" "	
Jno. Lyon	Oct. 7 1841	
A. M. Morgan	" " "	
Ja. Mc. Giger	" "	
Ballantyne	" "	
J. D. Lalor	" "	Dead
J. B. French	Jan. 12. 1843.	Gone to Canton
David Irving,	Oct. 5. "	Gone to N. India
Shepard Kollock,	" "	Not a member of Body of Inquiry. Dead
Wm. W. Scudder,	" "	Gone to Ceylon
Thomas Thomas,	" "	
Henry J. Vandyke,	" "	

Names.	Admitted.	Remarks.
A. Alex^r Hodge,	Oct. 5. 1843	Resigned October 3d 1844 gone to India
James Byers	Nov. 1. 1843.	
Robert Steel.	" "	
Jos. S. Heacock.	Dec 7. 1843.	
Stephen Mattoon	" "	Resigned Oct. 3d 1844 Gone to Siam
Wm. M. Scott.	" "	
J. Belville.	" "	
P. Lesley.	" "	
Jos. Stevens	Feb. 2. 1844	
Jam. Merrill	" "	Resigned Oct 3d 1844.
William Cameron Jr.	September 5. 1844	Resgnd March 6. 1845
Thomas W. Cattell	" "	
John K. Davis,	October 3d '44	
John C. De Pew	Sept^r. 5. '44	
T. St. Dinsmore	"	
John T. Duffield	October 3^d '44	
David W. Eakins	" "	
Chas. W. Formas	Nov^r 7 '44	gone to India
Beverly T. Lacy	Sept^r. 5. '44	
N. Merritt Owen	October 3d '44	Deceased.
L. D. Potter	Sept. 5. 44	
Martin Ryerson	" "	
A. V. C. Schenck	" "	

Names	Admitted	Remarks.
Rich'd K. Todd	October 31, 1844	
James J. Giles		died October 1846
Benj'n M. Wailes	Sept'r 5. 1844	Resigned Oct. 2. 1845.
A. S. Williams	" "	
Robert G. Williams	" "	
Chas W. Forman	November 7 "	
Chas. W. Shields	Decr. 5. "	Resigned Nov 5th 1846.
C. C. Baldwin Jr.	April 3d 1845	
Stephen Wattson	May 1st 1845	Gone to Siam
Wm. H. Woods.	" "	
William P. Breed	Sep. 4th 1845	Resigned Oct. 6th 1846
Henry V. Rankin	" "	To China
L. N. Lowry	" "	
Jos H. Wight	" "	To China
H. H. Welles	Oct. 2d 1845	Resigned Oct. 1846
G. F. Miller	Dec. 4th 1845	
M. D. Williams	Feb. 5. 1846	
R. P. Dunn.	" "	Resigned Feb. 2 1848
Elijah R. Craven	Sept 3d 1846	
Reuben P. Lorrie,	" " "	China
Stephen Bush	Nov 6th 1845	To Siam
Charles Wood	Nov 5. 1846	
J. J. Sanderson	" " "	

Name	Admitted	Remarks
Thos. Smith jr.	Feb. 4. 1847	
R. R. Evans	" "	
Ebenezer Erskine	March 4th. "	
James L. Mackey	" "	Corisco Mission. Africa 1849
H. B. Gardiner	April 1. "	Resigned Nov. 2, 1848.
T. S. Dewing	Sept. 2 "	
Wm Bishop		
H. A. Cox		
L. G. Barbour		
A. J. Graham	Oct. 7th 1847	
W. Taylor		
Wm H. Rawling		
Saml L. Merrell		
Thomas R. Welch	Resigned Oct. 5. '48	
Elihu Loomis		
W. Simonton		
Wm H. Templeton	Resigned Sep. 7, '48	
S. C. Logan	Resigned May 48	
R. Valentine		
Colmery	Feb 3 - 1848	Resigned Nov. 2, 1848.
N. R. Smith	" "	Not a Member of the Sec. Synod
I. L. Shamm	April 6 "	
I. C. Knapp	" "	

Names	Admitted	Remarks.
C. M. Conover	May 4 - 1848.	
L. G. Hay	" "	Gone to India
G. F. Goodhue	Sep. 7, 1848.	
~~J. S. Childs~~		
A. Harris	" " "	
J. D. L. Wardlaw	Oct. 5, "	
Jos. M. La Tourrette	~~Dec.~~ 7 "	
Stuart Mitchell	Dec 7 "	Resigned Sept 1. 1850
Saml. L. Laws	" " "	Resigned Nov. 1850
J. P. Finley	March 1. 1849	
T. C. Perry	Apr. 1, "	
J. D. ~~S~~. Lilley	May 3, "	
J. S. Childs	Sept. 7. 1848	
L. L. Rodgers	Sept. 6. 1849	
W. A. Rankin	" "	
J. R. Paige	" "	
Jas. H. Lapsley	" "	
Henry Walk		
John Edwards	Oct. 5. 1848	Choctaw Station.
Thos. R. Hamilton	Oct. 4th. 1849	
John Piper	" " "	China - Deceased.
W. S. Pattons	. . . .	
A. W. Biggs	. . . .	

Names	admitted	Remarks.
~~Saml. L. Sands~~		
Horatio B. Shaw	Oct. 4. 1849	Gone to India
Wm Bishop	Nov 1.	
Jas. H. Orbison	Dec. 1	Gone to India
Thad. Colbertson	Sept	Dead
Joseph E. Nassau		Resigned Nov. 1. 1850
Edw. B. Pappenheyer	Sept 1. 1849.	" "
~~Sam Tom Wilson~~		
D. A. Wilson	March 1. 1850	Monrovia. Liberia.
R. M. Canestrini	"	
J. Lee Kyle	Nov. 1. 1850	
W. E. Jones	Sept. 1. "	
L. P. Leffingwell "	May 1850	
E. J. Williams.	Sept 1. 1850	Corisco. Africa. 1853. Liberia
Edgar Woods	Nov. 1. 1850	
Geo M. Blanvelt	Sept 1st 1850	Departed this life
R. Vance Moore	Sept 1. 1850	
J. W. Payton.	Sept 1. 1850	
Jno. H. Pratt	Sept 1st 1850	
W. D. McKinley.	" " "	
A. P. Cobb.	" " "	
W. F. P. Noble.	" " "	

Names.	Admitted.	Remarks
P. K. Mendenhall	Apr. 1st 1851.	
J. M. Rittenhouse	May 1st 1851.	
R. F. Bunting	Jan. 1st 1851	Pastor of 2nd church Houston, Texas.
R. Watts	Jan. 1st 1851	
R. McMullin	Sept 1st 1851.	
A. B. Morse	Nov. 5th 1851.	
J. H. Carroll	Dec. 4th 1852.	
P. H. McMullin	Sept 1. 1851.	Since expunged.
P. G. Symmes	Oct. 1. 1851.	
John Jones	Sept. 1st 1851	
David M. James.	Oct 4th 1852.	
Wm Clemens	Nov. 5th 1851	Corisco. Africa. 1853.
Elias M. Crowe.		
C. J. Preston	May 5th 52	China. 1853.
J. M. Edmonds	Oct. 4. 1852	
James D. Reardon	Oct 28th 1852	
E. R. Bower	Oct 27th 1853	
A. L. Armstrong	Sept 29 1853	
Sidney G. Law	Oct 27th 53	
John L. Nevius.		China. 1853.
Henry B. Pratt	Oct. 4th 1852.	Bogota S. A. 1856
S. J. Thompson	Apr 27th 1854	
A. Blewart	Oct 27th 53	

Names.	Admitted	Remarks
E. D. Mackey	Sep. 27. 1853.	Blackfeet Indians 1856. (Returned)
C. Howard Malcom	Oct. 4, 1853	
D. D. Sahler	Jan 26/54	
Robt. A. Brown	Sept. 29/53	
Jona. Wilson	Oct. 27th/53	Choctaw Mission
Chas. R. Mills	Sept. 28 1854,	China 1856
James F. Brewster	Sept. 29. 1854	
W. V. Couch	Oct 1854	
D. Hall		
H. R. Avery		
M. W. Woodworth		
James Frothingham		Spencer Academy Choctaw Nation 1857
John Fraser		
L. A. McElhiney		Withdrew
Prentiss de Pauw		
Charles Boyd	Oct. 1854	Fell asleep in Jesus Apr 13. 1856
Wm. E Wetherell		
Donald McLaren	Oct 1855	
Sheldon Jackson	Oct 1855	Spencer Academy Choctaw Nation 1858
I. Smith Gerow	April 1856	
A. O. Forbes	Oct. 1856	
W. T. Morrison	Oct 1856	

Names	Admitted	Remarks
T. S. Ogden	Oct. 1856	Sailed for Coriseo, Africa Oct. 5th 1857.
DeWitt C. Taylor	Oct 1856	
Wm D. Mackey	Oct. 1856.	
A D Hepburn	Nov 1856	
Geo. Ainslie	Nov 1856	Choctaw Nation 1857.
Aug. Brodhead	Jany. 1857	Sailed for India Sep 14th 1858.
W. L. Kennedy.	Oct. 1856	
G C Anderson	Oct 1856	
J. M. W. Farnham	Oct 1856	
James Little	Nov. 1856.	
R. H. Davis	" "	
Wm H L Rosser	— 1856	
Isaac N Patterson	Oct 1857	
F. E. Butler	Oct 1857	
James J Mayer		
Wm H. [illegible]nsmer.		
Albert T King.	Octo 29 1857.	
Morris C Sutphen	" " "	
Alex McA Thorburn	" " "	
A J Johnson	Oct 9th 1858	
Thomas Carter	Nov 27th 1858.	Resigned Jan: 27th 1859.

Jos. S. Van Dyke.	Dec. 1st 1858.
John S. Stewart	" 7th 1858.
Fred K. Hines	" " "
I. L. Polk	" " "
S. A. Freeman.	" " "
Jno. C. Wilhelm	" " "
R. F. Kelcham	Jan 15th 1859
Saml. Dodd	
A. M. Murray	
W. M. A. Cain	
Andrew Watson	
I. H. Carpenter	
P. L. Thompson	
L. Orlando Lee	
I. A. Piper	
Jno. J. Jowaby	Dec 1st 1858.
A. Yeomans	1858

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4. Extra meetings when necessary may be called by the Chairman.

5. One third of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 3rd. Regular Exercises.

1. A discussion of some question or topic previously selected, connected with the subject of Foreign Missions shall be held at the Stated Meeting in each month.

Not more than one hour shall be devoted to the discussion unless the Committee shall otherwise direct by special vote.

No member shall speak more than twice, and no one shall occupy the floor more than five minutes, except the Speakers appointed, who shall be allowed ten minutes in opening the discussion.

2. An essay upon some subject connected with Foreign Missions shall be read at each Stated meeting.

3. It shall be the duty of the Reporter to the Society of Inquiry to commit to writing a Summary of all the important missionary intelligence collected during the month, to read the report to the Committee at its Stated Meeting and to the Society and to deliver the manuscript to the Recording Secretary of the Committee for the use of the member chosen to prepare the Annual Report.

The Monthly Report may not exceed ten minutes in length.

4. The Annual Essayist and Annual Reporter shall be chosen at the election for Officers.

The Annual Essay shall be presented to the Committee for their approbation at their Stated Meeting in October; the Annual Report in April, and at those Meetings, the Monthly Essay and Monthly Report shall be omitted.

5. All appointments except those of Annual Essayist and Annual Reporter shall be made in Alphabetical order.

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Art. 4th. Order of Business.

1. Prayer.
2. Calling the Roll.
3. Reading the Minutes.
4. Hearing Excuses.
5. Election of new Members.
6. Report of the Corresponding Secretary.
7. Monthly Report to the Society of Inquiry
   ☞ Except the Annual Report in April.
8. Monthly Essay.
   ☞ Except the Annual Essay in October.
9. Discussion of question or topic
   ☞ (One hour allowed.)
10. Question chosen for next meeting.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Motion to adjourn.
13. Calling the Roll.
14. Prayer. —

Art. 5th. Correspondence.

1. The Correspondence of the Committee shall be conducted by the Corresponding Secretaries.
2. They shall keep a register of the letters written and received & may include in it such additional matter as will be consistent with the collection of information on missionary operations.
3. It shall be their duty when letters are received to see that they are punctually answered.
4. When letters from Missionaries are received, the Corresponding Secretary or one of his Assistants shall read the whole or so much as may be important at the next meeting of the Society.
5. They shall report to the Committee every letter written and also the letters received.
6. In writing to Missionaries they shall request them to direct their Communications to the "Corresponding Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions".
7. The Chairman, Recording & Corresponding Secretaries shall be a Committee on opening Correspondence.
8. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to present to the Committee at their last meeting in the term a report in full of all that he has done as an officer of the Committee.

Art. 6th Elections.

1. The election for Officers & Annual Reporter and Essayist shall be held at the last Stated meeting in the term.
2. New members may be elected at any Stated meeting and to become such an election the vote must be unanimous.
3. All elections shall be by ballot except election to membership of the Committee.

Art. 7. Expenses.

1. All necessary expenses of the Committee shall be defrayed by tax.

Art. 8th. Members.

1. If any members of the Committee absent himself from its meetings for three successive evenings, his name shall be stricken from the roll, provided however that a sufficient excuse shall always be accepted.

Questions.

Extract from the Minutes.

Dec. 7th. 1843.

Moved by Bro. Lloyd that the Questions presented by the "Question Committees" be enrolled in the blank book containing the Constitution, which motion was carried.

1.* What do the Scriptures teach as to the ultimate triumph of the Gospel?

2. Ought a foreign Missionary to leave his field of labour, on account of the ill-health of his wife?

3. Have the heathen who have never heard the Gospel more

* denotes that the question has been discussed.

claims upon the Christian church, than the inhabitants of countries nominally Christian?

4. Is it expedient at the present time to establish in this country an Asylum for aged & infirm Missionaries, in which also the children of Missionaries may be instructed? Clock & French, Com.

5. Is it expedient for students of the Seminary who are going on a Foreign Mission, to let their determination be publickly known while in the Seminary? Miller.

6 Have the Aborigines of our country <u>superior</u> claims upon the American church?

7 What are the duties of Ministers at home in relation to the Foreign field?

8. What are the joys & sorrows of the Foreign Missionary? Hamill & Gager.

9. Should Missionaries be

sent out for a term of years, or for life? Belville.

10. * Should persons intending to become Missionaries spend a term of years in their native country as pastors before going out? Hepburn & Hodge.

11. In the present state of the Church, what can be done to extend Missionary knowledge, in order that she may contribute more for Missions?

12. * Ought not a greater proportion of modern missionary effort to be directed immediately against Mohammedanism? Irving & Kollock.

13. In making choice of a field for Missionary labor what things should be taken into consideration?

14. What are the qualifi-

cations necessary in a missionary's wife?

15. Do we enjoy equal advantages with the primitive church for converting the world?

16. The character of the Apos. Paul as a Missionary?

17. The relative importance of civilized & barbarous nations as missionary fields.

18. What circumstances would justify a Missionary in going out under any other board than that of his own church?

Bro. Lloyd.

19. What peculiar qualifications are necessary to fit one to labor successfully among the heathen?

20. What are the Comparative Claims of Foreign & Domestic Missions?

21. Is it right that acquaintances & associations formed among Students of Theol. who intend to be Missionaries should influence them in deciding upon the same field for Missionary effort? — Bro. Merrill.

22 * Should the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions undertake a Mission to the Jews?

* 23. Should white Missionaries go to Western Africa?

24. Should Collections for Missionary & other benevolent purposes be anually made every week according to the direction 1 Cor. 16: 2?

25. How may a Pastor best promote a Spirit of Missions among his People?

* 26. "Was it expedient for Presbyterians to dissolve their Connexion with "the American Board of Foreign Missions?"

* 27 "Does the head of the Church in Mark XVI-15. point especially to the unevangelized?"

28. How may a Pastor best impart missionary instruction & excite a missionary spirit in his congregation, See Ques. 7. & 25.

29. Ought Missionaries to be designated to the foreign field by Church judicatories

30. Should not each church as far as it is able, have its Missionary in the foreign field as well as its pastor at home,.

31. Is it advisable in conducting missionary operations, to plant colonies of Christian families in heathen countries.

32. Is it expedient for our church to accept the use of the funds of the government, in reference to the education of the Choctaw Indians.

* 33. Should a missionary take a regular course of medical lectures before entering upon his labors.

34 Would it be advisable to establish a seminary in India for the education of young men intending to labor there as Missionaries.

35. Is it expedient for Colonies of Christian families to emigrate to heathen lands?

* * 36. Ought the greater proportion of the Missionary's labors in the present stage of the work be devoted to the direct preaching of the Gospel, or to the training of the young, with the design of raising up a native ministry?

37. Do those Missionaries best subserve the cause of Missions who devote a large portion of their time to introducing the arts of civilized life among a barbarous people?

38 Ought agents be generally employed by a Missionary Board in our Churches?

39. What is the most effectual method of Christian benevolence?

* 40. Will the whole world at any time be Christianized? Indefinite.

41. Should a heathen convert, having several wives be required to ~~recognized~~ * relinquish his claim to all but one before he is received as a member of the Church?

42. Should Foreign Miss. Socs. aim to secure the labors of native preachers exclusively instead of depending ~~for~~ on a supply from Christian lands?

* 43. Has the Jew a greater claim on our benevolence and sympathy than the Heathen?

44. Does the introduction of R.C. into heathen countries retard the progress of true religion?

45. Have we reason to believe from S.S. that the conversion of the world will be mainly through the efforts of converted Jews?

46 Should missionaries to the heathen hold civil offices? Prof. Nevius

47 Is the practice of the Scottish church in selecting missionaries preferable to our own?

W. Clements

48 Should the standard of ministerial qualification be lowered in behalf of emigrants to Liberia? H.B. Pratt.

49 Should the American Government contribute to the support of Foreign Missions? W.F.E. Pones

50 Should opposition on the part of a Government deter Missionary effort? W.F.E. Pones.

51 Is it expedient for native converts to live as distinct Christian communities, seperate from the surrounding heathen? R. McMullin

52 Would the "Union" system, if applied to Foreign Missions, be more efficacious than the present system of denominational enterprise? R. McMullin

53 Should the children of christian parents be dedicated to the works of Foreign Missions? W. Clemens

Ought some Knowledge of Medicine to be required of every person sent out as a Missionary?

Is the call for more laborers in the Foreign Field addressed to those already Engaged in the home field.?

Should laymen engage personally in the work of Foreign Missions?

Ought Theological Students to enter the Field immediately after leaving the Seminary.

Is Evangelistic or Educational labor best adopted to the Speedy & effectual spread of the Gospel in Heathen lands.

Would it be proper to establish a mission

in Japan under the present Treaty? 1854

Ought a foreign Missionary to leave his field of labor on account of the health of his wife?

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Would not future Missionary efforts for China be more effective if directed to the Pacific Coast of our own Country?

Have the Jews any prior claims upon us in our efforts to Evangelize the World?